



The U.S. District Court

Middle District of Pennsylvania

2016 Bench/Bar Conference Agenda



The Honorable Christopher C. Conner, Chief Judge

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Agenda

Thursday, September 22, 2016

9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Outdoor activities hosted by Middle District Judges

Golfing, Skeet Shooting, Ziplining, Hiking and Lawn Bowling
Various locations

3:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Conference Registration and Room Check-in

Lobby

4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Welcoming Remarks

Evergreen Ballroom

Honorable Christopher C. Conner, Chief Judge

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Media and The Law: Navigating The Press in High-Profile Cases - Ethics, Challenges and Pitfalls.

Evergreen Ballroom

(1.5 hours CLE credit: 1 hour substantive, .5 hour ethics)

Featuring renowned members of the judiciary, the bar, and the press, each with significant experience in high-profile cases, a lively examination of the ethical concerns for judges, lawyers, and the press.

Panelists:

Honorable John E. Jones, III, United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Honorable Martin C. Carlson, Chief Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Joshua L. Dratel, Esquire, Law Offices of Joshua L. Dratel, PC

Angela Couloumbis, Reporter, The Philadelphia Inquirer

Moderator: Corinna Vecsey Wilson, Esquire. Strategic communications and public affairs consultant, former corporate counsel, public affairs television host and lobbyist.

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Thursday, September 22nd (Continued)

6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Cocktails and Hors D'oeuvres

South Porch

*Hosted by the Federal Bar Association,
Middle District of Pennsylvania Chapter*

7:30 p.m.

Dinner - Lobster Bake

Hemlock Ballroom

Remarks

Honorable D. Brooks Smith, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

9:00 p.m.

Middle District Team Building Challenge

Evergreen Ballroom

Test your wits against fellow members of the bench and bar by joining us for a team building challenge, including traditional brain teasers, general knowledge, and Middle District minutia. All will have the opportunity to participate to see who will be the Bench/Bar Champion. No prizes, just sidebar bragging rights!

Friday, September 23, 2016

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet - Main Dining Room

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Breakfast Meeting, Lawyers Advisory Committee

Laurel Room (Committee Members Only)

8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Supreme Court Update: Highlights of the 2015-2016 Term and a Survey of the 2016-2017 Term.

Evergreen Ballroom

(1.5 hours CLE credit)

A panel of eminent federal judges and attorneys discuss a selection of the most significant cases to emerge from the 2015-2016 Supreme Court term and provide a look ahead to the 2016-2017 term.

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Friday, September 23rd (Continued)

Panelists:

Honorable Theodore A. McKee, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Honorable Christopher C. Conner, Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Honorable Matthew W. Brann, United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Kathryn Lease Simpson, Esquire, Mette, Evans & Woodside

Moderator: Nancy Conrad, Esquire, White and Williams LLP

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

BREAK

(Reminder check out is 11:00 a.m.)

10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Breakout Sessions (Select 1):

Employment Law: What's New and Noteworthy in 2016 - Federalizing Trade Secrets, Overtime Revamped, and More!

Laurel Ballroom

(1.5 hours CLE credit)

A diverse panel of distinguished federal judges and attorneys present important developments affecting the workplace.

Panelists:

Honorable Robert D. Mariani, United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Honorable A. Richard Caputo, United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Jill M. Lashay, Esquire, Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney PC

Sidney L. Gold, Esquire, Sidney L. Gold & Associates

Andrew Frisbie, computer forensics expert; Director, LCG Discovery Experts

Moderator: Bridget E. Montgomery, Esquire, Eckert Seamans

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Friday, September 23rd (Continued)

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A Shifting Legal Landscape: Highlighting 50 Years of *Miranda v. Arizona* and Sentencing Policy Post *Johnson v. United States*.

Hemlock Ballroom

(1.5 hours CLE credit)

A panel of distinguished federal judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys will discuss how the application of *Miranda v. Arizona* has evolved over the years, including the history of the case, its evolution and issues that have arisen since the Court's decision. The panel will further consider the application of the Supreme Court's decision in *Johnson v. United States*, in which the Court struck down the Armed Career Criminal Act's residual clause, which included crimes that "otherwise involved [] conduct that presents a serious risk of physical injury to another," finding that the clause was unconstitutionally vague.

Panelists:

Honorable Yvette Kane, United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Honorable Malachy E. Mannion, United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

John Gurganus, Esquire, Assistant United States Attorney

James V. Wade, Esquire, Chief Federal Public Defender, Middle District of Pennsylvania

Tammy Taylor, Esquire, Research and Writing Attorney, Federal Public Defender's Office, Middle District of Pennsylvania

E.J. Rymsza, Esquire, Miele & Rymsza, P.C.

12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.

BREAK*

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Keynote Luncheon

Evergreen Ballroom

Introductions

Honorable Christopher C. Conner, Chief Judge

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Friday, September 23rd (Continued)

Guest Speaker

G. Terry Madonna, Ph.D.

2016: Presidential Politics in the Nation and the State

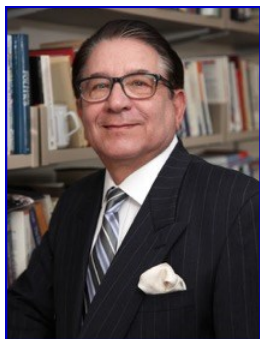
Dr. Madonna will examine the factors likely to matter in the 2016 elections, focusing on the candidates, the issues, and the most recent polls. He will also provide an assessment of past elections, with an emphasis on how they might shed light on the 2016 elections. Also, he will discuss various state elections and issues.

Departure

**REMINDER: Check-out time is 11:00 AM*

Keynote Speaker Information

G. Terry Madonna, Ph.D.



At Franklin and Marshall College, Dr. Madonna is Director of the Center for Politics and Public Affairs, Professor of Public Affairs, and Director of the Franklin and Marshall College Poll. For more than 30 years, Madonna has taught and written about his two academic specialties: the American presidency, and American political parties and political behavior.

As a pollster in recent years, he has written extensively about voters and voting behavior.

He holds a Ph.D. in political history from the University of Delaware.

Before joining the faculty at Franklin and Marshall, Dr. Madonna was Professor and Chair of the Government Department and headed the Center for Politics and Public Affairs at Millersville University.

Dr. Madonna is also the host of Pennsylvania Newsmakers, a weekly statewide news and commentary program. He writes (with Michael Young) a bi-weekly political commentary column, "Politically Uncorrected" that appears in many state and national news publications.

A frequent political analyst and public affair's commentator, Madonna has also provided analysis to national news organizations including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, USA TODAY, and CNN.